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SUBJECT: CSCE: MALTESE CONTINUE TO STONEWALL

FOR EUR/RPM

1. AT NATO MEDITERRANEAN CAUCUS JULY 8, ITALIANS URGED ALLIES TO CONSIDER STILL FARTHER-REACHING COMPROMISE THAN THAT ALREADY OFFERED MALTESE (REF A), WHICH ITALIAN REP SAID REFLECTED HIS CONCLUSIONS IN LIGHT RECENT BILATERAL DISCUSSION IN MALTA. UK, FRANCE AND US, SUPPORTED BY NUMBER OF OTHERS AMONG FITEEN IMMEDIATELY OBJECTED, POINTING OUT THAT MALTS HAD SO FAR FAILED TO RESPOND EITHER TO THE FIRST OR THE SECOND COMPROMISE OFFER MADE BY THE EC-NINE, AND THAT ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS ITALIANS NOW PROPOSED WERE IN ANY CASE SUBSTANTIVELY UNACCEPTABLE. UK WAS PARTICULARLY FORCEFUL IN POINTING OUT THAT SECOND COMPROMISE OFFER (REFTEL A) "WAS VERY CLOSE TO LIMIT TO WHICH LONDON COULD GO". IN VIEW INSTRUCTIONS REF B, WE
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TOOK SIMILAR LINE.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT BROADER INFORMAL DISCUSSION, WHICH INCLUDED MALTESE AND SOVIET BLOC REPS, MALTESE FAILED TO RPRODUCE PROMISED RESPONSE TO EC-NINE COMPROMISE APPROACH, BUT INDICATED THAT MALTESE AMBASSADOR JOSEPH ATTARD KINGSWELL WOULD HENCEFORTH JOIN NEGOTIATIONS. AN INFORMAL MEETING, TO INCLUDE UK, FRG, FRANCE, CANADA, ITALY, GREECE, USSR, GDR AND OURSELVES, WAS THEREFORE ARRANGED TO MEET WITH MALTESE AMBASSADORS GAUCI AND KINGSWELL ON MORNING JULY 10.

3. ALTHOUGH FRENCH SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE MALTESE WILL BE CONCILIATORY, OTHERS AMONG THE NINE (AND WE OURSELVES) ASSUME THAT KINGSWELL WILL MAKE FURTTHR ATTEMPT TO EXTRACT CONCESSIONS.

4. COMMENT AND REQUESTED ACTION: UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE WE PROPOSE ON JULY 10 TO STICK TO POSITION THAT TEXT ALONG LINES DISCUSSED REFTESS A AND B REPRESENTS LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO COMPROMISE, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PLAN TO SUBMIT TO WASHINGTON AMENDMENTS AGREEABLE TO THE MAJORTIY OF THE EC-NINE. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS CONNEC-TION, IF DEPARTMENT WOULD, PRIOR TO JULY 10, CONFIRM KEY MEMBERS OF TO EC-NINE, PARTICULARLY ITALIANS, IN WASHINGTON THAT SIGNIFI-CANT FURTHER COMPROMISES IN MALTEST DIRECTION WOULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. DALE

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